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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 21 March 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 21 June 2006. The claims pending, claims 17-25 were rejected as non-statutory. There is no rejection over the art. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.